

**Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay signed in the Memorandum of Understanding to develop animal health system in the border between the three countries.**

On 1 August 2019, high-ranking officials from the animal and plant health agencies of Argentina (National Service for Agri-Food Health and Quality - SENASA), Paraguay (National Service for Animal Quality and Health - SENACSA and National Service for Plant and Seed Quality and Health - SENAPE) and Bolivia (National Service for Agricultural and Livestock Health and Food Safety -



SENASAG) attended the conference in Santa Victoria Este, Salta Province, Argentina to exchange information on plant and animal health in the borders between the three countries. They also jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the development of technical cooperation in animal health in the said area.

The gathering was divided into two parts: workshop on plant protection and workshop on animal health, in which experts from the three agencies shared information on health situation, programs and activities in each country to exchange information and knowledge with each other.

In this occasion, the livestock agencies of the three countries also jointly signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the development of technical cooperation in animal health in the border between the three countries. They have promised to exchange information about animal health with each other, conduct surveillance for epidemics in border areas, conduct control and inspection at the points of entry of each country and jointly organize trainings for personnel of the three agencies.

For plant health, the agencies agreed to regularly perform inspections in the areas with difficult access along the borders and communicate with each other to inform when a locust outbreak is found. The three agencies have conducted a monitoring of the outbreak of locusts

in the eastern part of Salta province and the western part of Formosa province together during the past 30-31 July.

Mr. Ricardo Negri, president of SENASA of Argentina, said that during the gathering they have exchanged information to improve sanitation work in the area called "Gran Chaco" and all three agencies have signed the agreement to develop their cooperation. They will attend the upcoming conference in Filadelfia, Paraguay, next year to analyze the results of the operations of the said agreement.

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